of projects/schemes is a continuous process and this depends on availability of natural resources, human resources and funds related to the plan priorities.

Modern Vessels with Indian Navy

1687. DR. SHRIKANT RAMACHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Navy has the sufficient number of modern vessels with commensurate mobility and armament;

(b) if not, what steps are being taken to acquire them; and

(c) if so, whether the same compare favourably than those from whom we face threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The threat perception is taken into account while negotiating counter measures as part of our continuing effort to maintain defence preparedness.

Frequent strikes in Health Services

1688. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: SHRI O.P. KOHLI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that health services in Government owned hospitals in the national capital and elsewhere are frequently disrupted by health employees including doctors and nurses by resorting to strikes and other means thereby adversely affecting the helpless poor patients who are wholly dependent on these hospitals;

(b) if so, what are the hospital-wise details of such strike during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to maintain uninterrupted health services in the Central Government hospitals in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) There have not been frequent strikes in the Central Government hospitals. The strike resorted to by various categories of hospital employees are as under:—

Lady Hardinge Medical College and Smt. S.K. Hospital:

10.8.92 to 20.8.92—Group 'C' and 'D' Dharna and demonstration for 2 hours daily.

2.2.1994 to 3.2.1994—Nurses and Resident Doctors.

24.3.94 to 25.3.94—Group 'D' Staff of the hospital Kitchen.

9.11.94 to 17.11.94—Strike by Resident doctors.

Dr. R.M.L. Hospital:

No strike reported.

Safdarjung Hospital:

25.5.95 to 1.6.95—SJH Karamchari Union.

20.2.95 to 7.3.95—By Resident Doctors.

All India Institute of Medical Sciences:

January & September, 1994—Agitation/Dharna by the Nurses.

7.2.95 to 26.3.95—Strike by Resident Doctors.

(c) Regular meetings are held with the representatives of the Union by hospital authorities. Hospital Advisory Committee meetings and Office Council meetings are regularly held to discuss and solve the demands of the hospital employees.

Criteria for Collecting Blood from Public by Blood Banks

1689. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 520